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# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

## DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

### NEWS RELEASE



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#### **SOUTHEAST ALASKA/YAKUTAT WINTER TROLL FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT**

Sitka. . .The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced the following information concerning the commercial salmon troll fishery:

During the Alaska Board of Fisheries meeting held in Sitka, January 11–23, 2018, an action plan was adopted giving the department direction, through emergency order authority, to conserve wild Southeast Alaska Chinook salmon. To help reduce encounters of these stocks during the late winter troll fishery, the board determined, under the Unuk River action plan, that notwithstanding any remaining portion of the 45,000 non-Alaska hatchery-produced Chinook salmon guideline harvest level, the commercial winter troll fishery **will close in all waters of Southeast Alaska/Yakutat at 11:59 p.m., Thursday, March 15, 2018.**

A summary of the adopted actions to implement wild Southeast Alaska Chinook salmon conservation objectives can be found at:

[http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/static/regulations/regprocess/fisheriesboard/pdfs/2017-2018/se/rcs/rc422\\_ADFG\\_action\\_plan\\_recommendations.pdf](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/static/regulations/regprocess/fisheriesboard/pdfs/2017-2018/se/rcs/rc422_ADFG_action_plan_recommendations.pdf)

Information regarding plans for spring troll fisheries will be announced in the *2018 Spring Troll Fishery Management Plan* and by News Release during the month of April.

The Emergency Order corresponding to this announcement is EO 1S0118.

News releases web site: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main>.

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